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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING A SAMPLE

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Amendment and Response

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PECENED TO 1700 In response to the Office Action of January 18, 2002, please amend this application as

follows:

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In the Claims

Please add the following claim:

Claim 45 (new) A device for collecting a sample for analysis, comprising:

- a main body dimensioned to be manipulated by hand;
- a manually actuated suction pressure generator;

a drawing channel formed in the main body in communication with the suction pressure generator, an opening in the main body being formed at the end of said drawing channel distal with respect to said suction pressure generator; and